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SUBJECT: NORWEGIAN PREMIER BRATTELI ARRIVES OCT 19.

1. SUMMARY: ALTHOUGH THE DATES HAVE NOT BEEN OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED, POLISH JOURNALISTS TELL US NORWEGIAN PREMIER TRYGVE BRATTELI WILL ARRIVE HERE OCTOBER 19 AND JOURNEY IMMEDIATELY TO KRAKOW FOR THE WEEKEND. HIS OFFICIAL VISIT TO WARSAW WILL BEGIN OCTOBER 21. A NORWEGIAN EMBOFF HAS CONFIRMED THESE DATES. END SUMMARY.

2. COOPERATION IN OIL EXPLOITATION WILL EVIDENTLY FIGURE PROMINENTLY IN THE TALKS. BRATTELI, IN AN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED IN TRYBUNA LUDU ON OCT 17, SPOKE OF THE "NEED TO OPEN COOPERATIVE POSSIBILITIES", SUCH AS IN THE PRODUCTION OF DRILLING PLATFORMS AND EXTRACTIVE MACHINERY. A POLISH JOURNALIST HAS FURTHER INDICATED TO US THAT THE EVENTUAL

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POSSIBILITY OF POLISH PARTICIPATION IN THE REFINING OF

NORWEGIAN OIL FOR SALE TO THIRD COUNTRIES MAY ALSO BE DISCUSSED. HE SAID THAT POLAND WOULD LIKE TO FOSTER SUCH COOPERATION WITH NORWAY PARTLY AS A MEANS OF SECURING A SHARE OF THE OIL EVENTUALLY PRODUCED FROM NORWAY'S OFF-SHORE FIELDS, WHICH, HE OPINED, MIGHT BECOME AS IMPORTANT AS MIDDLE EASTERN OIL.

3. FISHING AND FISH PROCESSING WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED, ACCORDING TO THIS SAME CONTACT. POLAND FEELS IT CAN OFFER NORWAY EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY FOR ON-BOARD PROCESSING IN RETURN FOR NORWEGIAN ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING POLAND'S ON-SHORE PROCESSING AND CANNING CAPABILITIES.

4. THE QUESTION OF ELIMINATING VISA REQUIREMENTS MAY ALSO BE RAISED. OUR JOURNALIST CONTACT SAID THAT HE AND OTHERS WERE TOLD IN AN MFA BRIEFING OCT 17 THAT THE NORWEGIANS ARE PREPARED TO MAKE SUCH A PROPOSAL AND THE POLES WOULD LIKE TO ACCEPT IT. HOWEVER, THE POLES ARE CONCERNED ABOUT SOVIET RESERVATIONS OWING TO NORWAY'S NATO MEMBERSHIP AND THUS WILL PROBABLY NOT ACCEPT THE OFFER. (COMMENT: POLAND ALREADY HAS SUCH AGREEMENTS WITH THREE NEUTRAL COUNTRIES: AUSTRIA, FINLAND AND SWEDEN.)

5. THE JOURNALIST LIKED BRATTEL'S VISIT TO THAT OF AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR KREISKY LAST YEAR, WHICH HE SAID HAD BEEN THE FIRST STEP ON THE ROAD TOWARD AN IMPORTANT NEW RELATIONSHIP THAT HAS NOW BEEN FURTHER CONSOLIDATED BY PREMIER JAROSZEWICZ'S RECENT RETURN VISIT. HE CONCLUDED THAT NORWAY HAS APPARENTLY GAINED A "GREEN LIGHT" FROM ITS ALLIES IN THE SAME WAY THAT POLAND HAS THE GO AHEAD TO DEVELOP CONSTRUCTIVE BILATERAL TIES WITH WESTERN COUNTRIES.

6. COMMENT: A NORWEGIAN EMBASSY OFFICIAL HERE HAD EARLIER PRESENTED THE VISA ISSUE TO US IN REVERSE TERMS, SAYING NORWAY WOULD NOT PROPOSE ELIMINATION OF VISAS BUT WOULD NOT "RESIST" SUCH AN OFFER IF IT CAME FROM THE POLES.
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